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MINNESOTA BULLETIN NO. 360-7-9

SUBJECT: PER – GRAZING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Purpose. To distribute an interim plan for providing grazing technical assistance.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2006

After many years of quality service Howard Moechnig, State Grazing Specialist, will be retiring on January 3, 2007. Until further notice the vacancy created by this action will be initially filled by Lance Smith, Grazing Specialist in Marshall, who will also serve as Acting State Grazing Specialist.

Those counties in Areas 4 and 7 previously supported by Howard will be covered by John Zinn, Grazing Specialist in Grand Rapids. District Conservationists in these counties should direct requests for regional level grazing assistance to their Area Office who will forward them to John Zinn.

Mark Hayek, Grazing Specialist in Detroit Lakes, will serve as the technical liaison for the Contribution Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. This agreement allows us to utilize the technical assistance of Wayne Monson to write prescribed grazing plans.

In addition to the regional grazing specialists all employees with the appropriate level of Technical Approval Authority for practice 528, Prescribed Grazing should be providing this assistance without referral to a specialist.

Questions on grazing technical assistance can be directed to Paul Flynn, State Resource Conservationist.

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